

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 3046**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chavez**

February 24, 2006

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An act to amend Section 23357.4 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverages.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3046, as introduced, Chavez. Alcoholic beverages: beer tastings.

Existing law authorizes an incorporated beer manufacturer's trade association to conduct beer tastings on behalf of one or more licensed manufacturers for groups of individuals unaffiliated with a sponsoring nonprofit organization, provided that the participants do not exceed 100 in number at a beer tasting event.

This bill would increase the number of participants to 200, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 23357.4 of the Business and
- 2 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3 23357.4. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
- 4 division, an incorporated beer manufacturer's trade association
- 5 may conduct beer tastings on behalf of one or more licensed beer
- 6 manufacturers for public educational purposes. Beer tastings
- 7 conducted by an incorporated beer manufacturer's trade
- 8 association may be conducted for groups of individuals

1 unaffiliated with a sponsoring nonprofit organization, provided  
2 that the participants do not exceed ~~400~~ 200 in number at any beer  
3 tasting event.

4 No beer shall be sold or solicited for sale in that portion of the  
5 premises where the beer tasting is being conducted.  
6 Notwithstanding Section 25600, a licensed beer manufacturer  
7 may provide beer without charge to an incorporated beer  
8 manufacturer's trade association for any tastings conducted  
9 pursuant to this section.

10 (b) (1) For purposes of this section, "nonprofit organization"  
11 does not include any community college or other institution of  
12 higher learning, as defined in the Education Code, nor does it  
13 include any officially recognized club, fraternity, or sorority  
14 whether or not that entity is located on or off the institution's  
15 campus.

16 (2) For purposes of this section, "affiliated with the sponsor"  
17 means directors, officers, members, employees, and volunteers of  
18 bona fide charitable, fraternal, political, religious, trade, service,  
19 or similar nonprofit organizations and their invited guests.

20 (c) The incorporated beer manufacturer's trade association  
21 shall first obtain a permit from the department for each tasting  
22 event at a fee equal to the actual cost of issuing the permit but not  
23 to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day.

24 (d) The department may adopt rules and regulations as it  
25 determines to be necessary for the administration of this section.